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119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. _____

To require the Secretary of Energy to request the National Petroleum Council to issue a report with respect to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mrs. FLETCHER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “21st Century Strategic
5 Petroleum Reserve Act” or the “21st Century SPR Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REPORT ON STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE**
2 **MODERNIZATION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the
4 date of enactment of this section, the Secretary of Energy
5 shall request that the National Petroleum Council—

6 (1) not later than one year after so requested,
7 submit to the Secretary of Energy and Congress a
8 report containing—

9 (A) an analysis of opportunities to improve
10 and modernize the physical infrastructure and
11 operation of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to
12 respond to petroleum product supply shocks, in-
13 cluding by—

14 (i) expanding the geographic distribu-
15 tion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve;

16 (ii) expanding the Strategic Petroleum
17 Reserve to include storage of refined petro-
18 leum products;

19 (iii) eliminating congressionally man-
20 dated sales of petroleum products from the
21 Strategic Petroleum Reserve;

22 (iv) creating storage facilities suffi-
23 ciently resilient to withstand drawdowns of
24 petroleum products of the volume and fre-
25 quency required over the last 10 years of
26 the Strategic Petroleum Reserve's use;

1 (v) expanding the storage capacity of
2 the Strategic Petroleum Reserve;

3 (vi) encouraging purchases of petro-
4 leum products to replenish the Strategic
5 Petroleum Reserve during periods of low
6 petroleum prices; and

7 (vii) increasing—

8 (I) the Strategic Petroleum Re-
9 serve's rate of fill; and

10 (II) the bidirectional flow capa-
11 bility of the Strategic Petroleum Re-
12 serve's pipeline infrastructure;

13 (B) any recommendations for Federal
14 agencies and Congress to improve and mod-
15 ernize the physical infrastructure and operation
16 of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to respond
17 to petroleum product supply shocks; and

18 (C) an analysis and evaluation of the Life
19 Extension II project, including work that was
20 originally in-scope for the Life Extension II
21 project but was subsequently not carried out;
22 and

23 (2) make publicly available the report submitted
24 under paragraph (1).

25 (b) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) PETROLEUM PRODUCT.—The term “petro-
2 leum product” has the meaning given such term in
3 section 3 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act
4 (42 U.S.C. 6202).

5 (2) STORAGE FACILITY.—The term “storage fa-
6 cility” has the meaning given such term in section
7 152 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42
8 U.S.C. 6232).

9 (3) STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE.—The
10 term “Strategic Petroleum Reserve” has the mean-
11 ing given such term in section 152 of the Energy
12 Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6232).